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B) BONN 694
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1. THE MISSION NOTES THE REQUEST FROM BONN (REFTEL B) FOR FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE RECENT COMMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT IF OUR MOST RECENT REPORT (REFTEL C) IS READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH (A) REFTEL E AND (B) THE COMMISSION GUIDELINES - WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND WHICH WE
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ARE NOW POUCHING TO BONN - THAT THE SITUATION WILL BECOME SOMEWHAT

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CLEARER.

3. IN REGARD TO THE SUGGESTION BY GERMAN OFFICIALS IN REFTEL B
THAT THERE IS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN EC COMMISSION AND OECD GUIDE-
LINES ON THE PPP WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE SITUATION IS COMPLICATED.
IT IS, OF COURSE, POSSIBLE THAT A MEMBER STATE WILL
ABIDE BY THE OECD RECOMMENDATION AND NOT TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF
WHAT APPEAR TO BE THE BROADER EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED BY THE
"TRANSITIONAL AID" PERMITTED BY THE EC COMMISSION (SEE REFTEL
E). THE EC COMMISSION GUIDELINES ARE, OF COURSE, OUTSIDE LIMITS.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FURTHER FROM GERMAN OFFICIALS ON THE
POINTS RAISED IN REFTELS AND LEARNING THE RESULTS OF OECD
DISCUSSIONS.GREENWALD

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